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EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN NPTC AND NHPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of local people appointed in group C and D in NTPC and NHPC power projects being set up in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether local people are still deprived of job opportunities despite entering into an agreement of such provision in the projects being set up by NHPC and NTPC in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The number of local people appointed in NTPC`s Koldam Hydro Power Project, which is being set up in the state of Himachal Pradesh, is 5 in Group-C. There is no requirement of Group-D in this project at the moment. The number of local people appointed in NHPC`s projects being set up in Himachal Pradesh, namely, Parvati-II, Parvati-III and Chamera-III is 32 in Group-D. Appointments in Group-C will be made subject to availability of vacancy and fulfillment of eligibility criteria.

(b) to (d) : No, Sir. The agreement entered into between NTPC/NHPC, Government of Himachal Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board provides that:

Unskilled staff, to the extent required to be recruited for the Project, will be recruited from among the Land Oustees/other residents of Himachal Pradesh depending on suitability and job availability.

Any requirement for recruiting any personnel in the SKILLED WORKMEN category shall be filled out of the Land Oustees/other residents of Himachal Pradesh subject to their fulfilling the criteria for employment under respective category as decided by the Corporation. The first preference in this regard has to be given to land oustees.

In case of non-availability out of the land Oustees, such recruitment will be through local employment exchange/regional employment exchanges of the State.

The terms of the Agreement are complied with.